Conclusion of prevalence of certain ■• diseases

844. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will tbe Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1646 given in tbe Rajya Saljha on tbe 9th May, 1989 and state:

(a) on what basis, the Director General of Health Serv ces came to the conclusion that diseases like Physhosis, Psychoneurosis and others Psychosomomati c disorders are not widely prevalent in the country;

(b) whether bis Ministry verified the sales tiun-ovei of each of the drugs needed for these diseases;

(c) whether it is a fact that the sales turn-over of most of these drugs is even higher than the drugs needed for National Health Programme ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that DGHS has given wrong advice and has misled his Ministry; and

(e) what steps have been taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) The diseases that are widely prevalent in the country are tropical diseases. Psychosomomatic disorders are not wide spread in this countiy.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not Monitor sales turnover of drugs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

845. *[Transferred to the 21st July,* 1989].

846. *[Transferred to the "ilst July,* 1989].

Import of Danazol

847. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Danazol is not only being produced in the country but is also being exported as well;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the imports of this drug and who are the importers; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the imports are being over-invoiced by the Indian importers from their connected sources abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

• (b) The Import Policy for the import of finished medicines is decided by Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Ministry of Commerce. The leading importer of Danazol is M/s. Medicare, New Delhi.

(c) Prices of drugs are controlled by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (B.I.C.P.) as per norms fixed by the Government.

848. *[Transferred to the* 31s/ *July,* 1989].

Review of drugs required for National Health Programme

849. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that his Ministry appointed a Committee to review the list of drugs required for National Health Programmes;